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LETTER DATED 10 AUGUST 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the annexed text of the statement by the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, dated 7 August 1992, concerning information concerning human rights violations in the territory of former Yugoslavia.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement by the representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, dated 7 August 1992

Russia received with extreme concern the information concerning the flagrant and mass violations of human rights, in particular illegal detentions in prisons and camps, and the abuses committed against the civilian population in the territory of former Yugoslavia, in particular in Bosnia Herzegovina.

If this information is false, the parties to the conflict - each one of which denies its participation in such acts - should give the international community the opportunity to ascertain the sincerity of their statements. If the facts are confirmed, Russia condemms them most vehemently, whichever party to the Yugoslav crisis is responsible for them.

Full light should be shed on this question. We consider it essential that the information received be submitted, as soon as possible and under international control, to the strictest and fullest verification. Russia, which attaches great importance to the statement by the President of the United Nations Security Council of 4 August 1992, declares itself in favour of any action by the international community aimed at settling the Yugoslav crisis, the nature of which mitigates against the realization of fundamental human rights - the right to life and assurance of a future.